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Carol,

At this time, I am not inclined to change the monitoring program any more than we already have as the DEC Region 1 DOW staff are working with Northrop Grumman to actually issue SPDES equivalent permit requirements. NGC never actually got SPDES equivalent discharge numbers. I tried on at least 3 occasions since 2008 and did not hear back from DEC DOW. Now they have finally gotten involved through the Regional office as opposed to the CO Staff. This also covers the sampling frequency. WRT the leaking force main pipe and RW 4, this has been fully evaluated and the problem has been completely repaired. I will discuss with Grumman to start putting offsite information together once the offsite OU3 VPB program is complete.

WRT Field work, we will contact you once we know our schedule(s) over the next four weeks or so. Please let me know if you have any further questions in the interim.

Thanks,

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Hi Steve - EPA has done a cursory review of the Northrop Grumman OU3 Bethpage Ground Water Containment System (BPGWCS) - First Quarter 2015 OMM Report, that we recently received from Northrop Grumman's contractor, Arcadis. The report is for the period from January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015. Here are our comments:

- (1) The report (p. 10) recommends deletion of mercury from the SPDES equivalency monitoring program. The reasoning is that no hits have ever been detected, and its not a contaminant of concern (COC). Would you be coordinating with the State Water Permit program on this request, or could you approve it independently if you agreed with this recommendation?

- (2) The biggest change is a recommendation (page 11) to modify the OMM to reduce sampling frequency from quarterly to annually. However, the report also notes that a leak was observed in well vault associated with RW4 on March 30 and the well was shut down. There should be a follow-up to find out if the leak was repaired and when RW4 went back on line.
- (3) Trends are basically downward, but as expected, rate of decline is decreasing. This is difficult to see since the report does not include a delineation of the current plume or all monitoring wells specifically associated with OU-3. Is there perhaps a delineation of the current plume in another current document that Arcadis prepared for Northrop Grumman.

To keep us in the loop, please copy Rob Alvey and me on any comments that DEC sends out on this report. Thanks. ☺
Also, Rob and I were wondering if you or Henry might be planning to be in the project area in the near future. If so, we might be able to join you. One item of interest to see would be the new BWD well field.

Thanks,
-Carol-